

The purposes of Chapter 19 are to:

1. Identify and establish historic districts, and preserve and enhance structures that are important to the history, character, architecture, culture, tradition and economic values of the Town of Smyrna.
2. Ensure that alterations of existing structures in historic districts are compatible with the structure being altered and with the character of the surrounding area and the historic districts.
3. Ensure that new construction in historic districts is compatible with the character of the surrounding area and the historic districts.
4. Encourage the restoration and rehabilitation of structures that contributes to the character of historic districts.
5. Enhance the attractiveness of historic districts, thereby supporting and promoting business and commerce, and contributing to the economic health of the town.
6. Discourage the neglect and demolition of structures in historic districts in order to minimize the loss of the historic fabric and context of the town's development and heritage.
7. Encourage orderly and efficient development, and the provision of essential public services and facilities, that recognizes the special value of the historic, architectural, cultural and aesthetic resources of the Town of Smyrna.
8. Maintain and improve property values, and spur new investment and reinvestment in historic districts.
9. Foster community pride, understanding and participation in preserving and enhancing Smyrna's heritage in order to create an environment that is attractive to residents and visitors as a place to live, work, and recreate.
10. Create a public body to advise and assist the Planning and Zoning Board and the town government in assessing and understanding the effects of proposed activities in historic districts.